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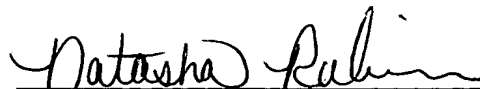
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 16.

14. (twice amended) A method of fixing an oligonucleotide or a polynucleotide to a solid carrier which comprises the steps of spotting an aqueous solution containing a hydrophilic polymer and a compound selected from the group consisting of the oligonucleotide and polynucleotide onto the solid carrier, washing the carrier, drying the carrier, and heating or exposing to radiation the carrier.